

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1790

By: Representative D. Whitaker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DESIGN OF THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; TO RESTORE THE FLAG TO THE DESIGN ADOPTED IN 1913; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DESIGN OF THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; AND TO RESTORE THE FLAG TO THE DESIGN ADOPTED IN 1913.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Willie K. Hocker of Wabaseka, Arkansas submitted her design for the Arkansas state flag for consideration during the legislative session of 1913;

(2) Willie K. Hocker's design originally had three (3) blue stars in the middle of a white diamond located in the center of the flag without with word "ARKANSAS";

(3) At the request of the flag committee chaired by the Secretary of State during the 1913 legislative session, Miss Willie K. Hocker added the word "ARKANSAS" in the center of the white diamond, and the three (3) blue stars were located with one (1) above, and two (2) below the word "ARKANSAS";



(4) On February 26, 1913, the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly adopted the revised flag design of Willie K. Hocker; and

(5) The state flag of Arkansas should be restored to the revised design of Willie K. Hocker adopted on February 26, 1913.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 1-4-101 is amended to read as follows:

1-4-101. State flag.

(a)(1)(A) The official state flag shall be a rectangle of red on which is placed a large white diamond, bordered by a wide band of blue on which are twenty-five (25) white stars.

(B) Across the diamond shall be the word "ARKANSAS" and ~~four (4)~~ three (3) blue stars, with one (1) star above and ~~three (3)~~ two (2) stars below the word "ARKANSAS".

(C) The star above the word "ARKANSAS" shall be below the upper corner of the diamond.

(D) The ~~three (3)~~ two (2) stars below the word "ARKANSAS" shall be placed ~~so that one (1) star shall be above the lower corner of the diamond and the two (2) stars shall be placed~~ symmetrically, parallel above and to the right and left of the ~~star in the~~ lower corner of the diamond.

(2) The colors used for the official state flag shall be the same as those used on the United States flag, specifically to include:

(A) Old Glory Red or its equivalent; and

(B) Old Glory Blue or its equivalent.

(b) The three (3) stars so placed are designed to represent the three (3) nations, France, Spain, and the United States, which have successively exercised dominion over Arkansas. These stars also indicate that Arkansas was the third state carved out of the Louisiana Purchase. Of these three (3) stars, the twin stars parallel with each other signify that Arkansas and Michigan are twin states, having been admitted to the Union together on June 15, 1836. The twenty-five (25) white stars on the band of blue show that Arkansas was the twenty-fifth state admitted to the Union. ~~The blue star above the word "ARKANSAS" is to commemorate the Confederate States of America.~~ The diamond signifies that this state is the only diamond-bearing state in the Union.

(c) An official state flag shall be made in the United States.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective on and after June 15, 2022.